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1. INDOCHINA

NYT CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM PRES' APR 23 TULANE U ADDRESS.
KILPATRICK (WP) CALLS SPEECH MAJOR NEW STATEMENT OF ADMIN
POLICY, WORDS MEANT PRES WILL NOT MAKE VN1976 ISSUE;
BELIEVES FORD ACCEPTED LOSS OF BATTLE WITH CONGRESSOVER
INDOCHINA. NOTES PRES WANTS MOVE AHEAD TO "NEW GROUND,
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PERHAPS FASTER THAN ... KISSINGER WOULD LIKE."NYDN'S
WIEGHART EMPHASIZES FORD STATEMENT THAT VN WAR OVERFOR US.
NYT'S MADDEN SEES SPEECH CLEARLY INTENDED PUTENDTO DEBATE
OVER US INVOLVEMENT IN INDOCHINA; SAYS TALK APPEARED DIFFER

FROM RECENT HAK STATEMENTS THAT EVENTS IN ONE PART OF WORLD
AFFECT FOREIGN POLICY ELSEWHERE.

CHITRIB'S BECKMAN POINTS OUT THAT TULANE SPEECH WAS FIRST
TIME FORD CONCEDED WAR OVER FOR US AND SVN MUST SHOULDER
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFEAT. SUN'S CLYMER NOTES PRESSOUGHT
MINIMIZE IMPLICATIONS OF COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN SVN FOR
US POLICY AND INFLUENCE ELSEWHERE --IMPLICATIONS OF
WEAKENED US ROLE HE AND SECSTATE HAVE BEEN STRESSING IN
RECENT WEEKS.

DEM NATL COMMITTEE CHMN STRAUSS SAID US PEOPLE NOT INTERESTED
IN WHO TO BLAME FOR VN WAR, THOUGH PRES AND HAK SEEK MAKE
"BLAME" ISSUE (SPERLING, CSM). FRGDEFMIN BACKS US POLICY
IN VN (MUTCH, CSM).

SENATE APPROVES LEGISLATION GIVING PRES LIMITED AUTHORITY
USE TROOPS TO EVACUATE AMCITS AND VIETS FROM SAIGON.
HOUSE MOVES TOWARD SIMILAR LEGISLATION. BOTH BILLS ALSO
AUTHORIZE HUMANITARIAN AID. NEW ARMS AID VIEWED AS
IMPROBABLE (FINNEY, NYT). SENATE BILL AUTHORIZES 250
MILLION DOLS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID, EVACUATION, INSISTS
ON SAFEGUARDS AVOID REINVOLVEMENT OF TROOPS IN COMBAT (WSJ).
HOUSE DEBATE ON EVACUATION PARTISAN, SOMETIMES ANGRY
(JACKMAN, NYDN). HOUSE IN LATE SESSION APPROVED 327
MILLION FOR EVACUATION, HUMANITARIAN AID (LYONS/RICH, WP).
SENATE BILL WOULD REQUIRE PRES GIVE CONGRESS DAILY REPORT
OF NUMBER AMCITS AND DEPENDENTS STILL IN VN, AND REPORT
ON PLANS TO EVACUATE ENDANGERED VIETS (PEPPER, SUN).

REP GUDE INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO BAN ANY FUTURE SVN
MIL AID (WP). HARRIS POLL FINDS AMERICANS OPPOSE
(68-22 PERCENT) SENDING TROOPS INTO SVN TO EVACUATE
AMCITS OR VIETS; OPPOSE (47-43 PERCENT) SPENDING 250
MILLION DOLS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID IN SVN; OPPOSE
(81-12 PERCENT) ADMIN REQUEST FOR 722 MILLION IN MIL
AID FOR SVN (WP).
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MOST PAPERS NOTE SHIFT OF REFUGEE AIRLIFT FROM CLARK AB
TO GUAM. ANDELMAN (NYT) SAYS CLARK CENTER BEING PHASED
OUT, QUOTES MIL OFFICIALS THAT DECISION TAKEN AT LEAST
IN PART BECAUSE OF GOP DESIRE NOT HAVE MAJOR VIET
POPULATION BUILDUP. NOTES GOP FONSECY DENIAL OF GOP
PROTEST OVER REFUGEE AIRLIFT. MARDER (WP) SAYS ESTIMATES
EXIST THAT VIET EVACUEES ON GUAM MAY REACH 50,000.
QUOTES REP MORGAN THAT AS OF WEDNESDAY FEWER THAN 1000
OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS IN SVN, PLUS ABOUT 450 CONTRACTORS
AND 330 OTHER AMCITS. CHITRIB REPORTS LOCAL COMMITTEE
PREPARED ACCOMMODATE 200 VIET EVACUEE FAMILIES. NYT'S
KNEELAND SAYS DOS OFFICIALS GRAPPLE WITH PLANS TO RESETTLE
VIETS. HALVERSON (CSM) REPORTS ADMIN EFFORTS ON SEVERAL

FRONTS TO HELP VIET EVACUEES, INCLUDING WORKING WITH PRIVATE RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND WORK, HOUSING, OR JOB-RETRAINING, AND IS DISCUSSING ADMISSION VIET REFUGEES WITH SEVERAL OTHER GOVTS.

AP STATES TOP CALIF WELFARE OFFICIAL URGENTLY REQUESTS MEETING WITH HAK CONCERNING POSSIBLE INFLUX INTO STATE (NYT). SF CITY HEALTH AUTHORITIES WARN OF POSSIBLE HEALTH HAZARDS FROM UNSCREENED REFUGEES (UPI, NYT). TURNER (NT)

DESCRIBES ARRIVAL OF VIET REFUGEES AT TRAVIS IN AIR OF SADNESS, UNCERTAINTY, RELIEF. WP'S OBERDORFER AT CLARK FINDS REFUGEES UNCERTAIN ABOUT FUTURE IN US. SUN'S SEIDEN AT CLARK NOTES THAT FOR MANY REFUGEES, FUTURE LOOKS FRIGHTENING AS PAST. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN SAIGON FINDS PANIC RISING, BUT FEW EXITS FOR MANY VIETS WHO WANT FLEE COUNTRY. CSM REPORTS WEALTHY VIETS FLEEING DOWN MEKONG IN JUNKS, WITH THOSE WHO MAKE IT FACING HAZARDOUS 600-MILE JOURNEY TO MALAYSIAN COAST. SAYS OTHER RICH BUSINESSMEN CROWD VUNG TAU HOPING BUY PASSAGE ANYWHERE.

CHITRIB'S YATES IN SAIGON QUOTES KY AIDE THAT US PRESSURED THIEU INTO RESIGNATION TO WARD OFF IMMINENT MIL COUP, AND AMB MARTIN HAD PLEADED WITH KY HELP PREVENT COUP. ADDS US EMBASSY CONSISTENTLY DENIED "OFFICIAL" CONTACT WITH KY. NYDN'S CARTER/VOLZ SAY WHILE DOS STILL HOPES FOR VN C-F, OFFICIALS PRIVATELY ADMIT HOPE WANING. SUN'S UNCLASSIFIED

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MILLS REPORTS OFFICIALS SEE SOME HOPE, THOUGH SLIM, NVN/VC WILL DECIDE NEGOTIATE FOR SAIGON RATHER THAN FIGHT FOR IT. CHITRIB REPORTS FROM SAIGON THAT US, SVN AND FRENCH DIPLOMATS WORK FEVERISHLY FOR LAST-MINUTE POLITICAL FORMULATO STOP FIGHTING BEFORE DRIVE ON CAPITAL. NYT'S GELB STATES NVN AND VC HAVE TOLD WASHINGTON THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES THEY DO NOT WISH HUMILIATE US IN COMING DAYS, BUT HAVE REFUSED SAY ANYTHING ELSE, ACCORDING ADMIN OFFICIALS (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

GVN IMMEDIATE C-F PLEA REJECTED BY PRG IN PARIS (NYT). SUN'S ISAACS IN SAIGON NOTES COMMUNISTS SPURN HUONG PROPOSAL FOR C-F AND TALKS. ADDS INDICATIONS ARE COMMUNISTS' REFUSAL DEAL WITH HUONG GOVT BRINGING DEMANDS FOR NEW ADMIN ABLE CONDUCT PEACE TALKS. NYT FROM SAIGON REPORTS 2-WK-OLD GVN CABINET RESIGNS AS URGENT EFFORTS APPARENTLY UNDERWAY FIND GOVT ACCEPTABLE TO VC AS NEGOTIATING AGENT; SPECULATION CENTERS ON "BIG" MINH AS POSSIBLE PREMIER. WP'S MCCOMBS/GREENWAY IN SAIGON DESCRIBE HURRIED GVN SEARCH FOR OFFER ACCEPTABLE TO VC, SAY AMERICANS WORKING HARD BEHIND SCENES FOR SOLUTION. NOTE MARTIN HAS RECENTLY MET WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO ENLIST GOF HELP. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN SAIGON OPINES

MINH LIKELY CHOICE PLAY LEADING ROLE IN NEW GOVT.

COMMUNISTS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED 2 GVN GENERALS IN PHAN RANG (AP, SUN). WESTERN INTELL SOURCES SAY VC/NVA FORCES IN POSITION TO OVERRUN SAIGON, BUT MAY BE DELAYING TO WATCH RAPID POLITICAL CHANGES IN CAPITAL AND AWAIT COMPLETION US EVACUATION. GVN ADMITS LOSS OF 20TH PROV CAPITAL, HAM TAN, AND APPEARS OBVIOUS 21ST, XUAN LOC, OVERRUN DESPITE OFFICIAL DENIALS

(AP NYDN, SUN). NYT'S BROWNE IN SAIGON GIVES SOME REPLIES TO QUESTION, "HOW DID IT HAPPEN?" SAYS MANY VIETS SEE ARVN ACHILLE'S HEEL AS FONDNESS FOR MIL LUXURY, AND US MUST BEAR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPETITE (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE). SUN'S TREWHITT FINDS GLOBAL PREOCCUPATION WITH INDOCHINA EVENTS DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM ME, AND OFFICIALS SAY "JUST FINE."

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WP'S CANNON REPORTS REP MCCLOSKEY'S CHARGE, IN LETTER TO PRES, THAT DOD POLICY PLANNERS DELIBERATELY CONCEALED TRUE NATURE OF VC STRENGTH MONTHS BEFORE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE. LETTER ASKS FORD NOT HAVE INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES SCREENED BY DOD OR DOS PERSONNEL AT "THIS CRUCIAL AND DIFFICULT TIME."

SUN'S ROZHON NOTES GVN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AWAIT NEWS TENSELY. WP'S O'TOOLE SAYS DOZEN MAJOR OIL COMPANIES HAVE ABANDONED SVN OFFSHORE FIELDS. NYT STATES FRANCES FITZGERALD IN "NEW YORKER" WRITES NVN HOPES EVENTUALLY RECEIVE US ECON INVESTMENT, AND DRV CONSIDERS C-F BASIS FOR RELATIONSHIP WITH US. REUTER REPORTS DANISH PARLIAMENT REJECTED GOVT APPLICATION LEND NVN 27 MILLION DOLS (NYT). RED CROSS DC-6 FLIES INTO HANOI WITH RELIEF SUPPLIES (WP). DA NANG PORT FACILITY REOPENS APR. 24 (AFP, NYT). WITNESS LAYS TERRIBLE DA NANG LOOTING DURING COMMUNIST CAPTURE TO PANICKY ARVN TROOPS (AFP, NYT). INDIA SEES INDOCHINA EVENTS AS VINDICATION ITS POLICY (WP). FRENCH INDOCHINA VETS BITTER OVER TRAGEDY OCCURRING IN AREA (REUTER, WP).

THREE DAYS OF FIGHTING LEAVE PL IN COMMAND OF JUNCTION ON VIENTIANE-LUANG PRABANG ROAD AND OTHER POSITIONS FORMERLY HELD BY RIGHT-WING SIDE. MIL COMMITTEES FROM BOTH SIDES REPORTEDLY MEETING TO SET UP JOINT TEAM TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS (REUTER, NYT).

SIHANOUK SAYS WILL NOT BE UPSET IF KHMER ROUGE DO NOT ABIDE BY OFFER TO LET HIM RETURN TO PP AS CHIEF OF STATE (LONDON TIMES, IN NYT). USG SAYS LON NOL TO LIVE IN HAWAII, WILL BE PROTECTED BY SECRET SERVICE

(AP, SUN). WP'S FENTON FROM PREAH VIHEAR DESCRIBES PLACE ALONG THAI BORDER WHERE 130 SOLDIERS STILL DEFEND KHMER REPUBLIC. SITE AT ANCIENT CLIFF-TOP TEMPLE AREA LESS THAN MILE SQUARE.

2. JAPAN

UNEMPLOYMENT IN FEB ROSE TO 2.1 PERCENT, TOTALLING 1.08 MILLION; FIRST TIME TOPPED MILLION SINCE MAR 1967(CSM).
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BAC OFFICIALS IN TOKYO SAID HAVING "HIGHLY SATISFACTORY" TALKS ON PROPOSED JOINT VENTURE DEVELOP MODIFIED BAC 1-11 SUITED TO LOCAL SERVICE IN JAPAN; SEEN AS POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR YS-11 (JOC-TOKYO).

3. THAILAND

RTG SENT 1,000 REINFORCEMENTS TO BORDER WEDNESDAY TO STEM FLOW CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, WEAPONS, ACCORDING RTG SPOKESMAN. JOIN ABOUT 4,000 BORDER POLICE GUARDING 400-MILE FRONTIER SINCE KR CAPTURED PP (AP NYDN, SUN, WP).

RTG SOURCES SAY FORMER PM IN TAM, THREE OTHERS, FLED ACROSS BORDER SATURDAY UNDER GUNFIRE BY KR PURSUERS; NOW IN RTG POLICE CUSTODY NEAR BORDER (AP, WP).

BANGKOK SOURCES SAY SIX TOP FANK COMMANDERS FLED INTO THAILAND AFTER PP FALL (WP); AND GEN. DENG LAYON SHOT SELF IN PP (SUN).

WESTERN AGENCIES' EMPLOYEES SAFE IN PP FRENCH CONSULATE, ACCORDING BANGKOK SOURCES, SURROUNDED BY KR, SHORT OF FOOD, WATER. GOF SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY SUPPLY PLANE SENT WITH AGREEMENT PP AUTHORITIES (WP, SUN).

MALCOLM (NYT) IN ARABYAPRATHET REPORTS TENSIONS HIGH IN BORDER TOWN WHERE RTG, KR TROOPS "GLOWER" ACROSS 50-FT BRIDGE. NOTES SEVERAL RECENT SHOUTING, SHOOTING INCIDENTS AS JUBILANT KR TROOPS THREATEN MARCH ON THAILAND, DEMAND RETURN SIX APCs IN WHICH FANK TROOPS FLED. ADDS FLOOD "SEVERAL THOUSAND" CAMBODIAN REFUGEES EMBARRASSING RTG EFFORT SET UP DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NEW PP REGIME.

4. BURMA-THAILAND

BANGKOK POST REPORTS THURSDAY 26 FISHERMEN FEARED DEAD AFTER BURMESE GUNBOAT FIRED ON THREE TRAWLERS NEAR SOUTHERN TIP THAI-BURMA BORDER. RTG POLICE SAY GUNBOAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SANK ONE, TOWED TWO TRAWLERS INTO BURMESE WATERS.
FISHING RIGHTS IN AREA SAID OCCASIONALLY DISPUTED
(REUTER, BANGKOK).

5. KOREA

KIM YOUNG SAM PROPOSES MEET PRES PARK, IN WHAT CALLED
RESPONSE TO INDOCHINA SITUATION, CONCERNING POSSIBLE

IMPACT ON SK SECURITY. KIM IL SUNG REPORTED SAYING IN
PEKING FRIDAY NK WOULD NOT STAND OFF IN EVENTREBELLION
(WP).

WB APPROVES 100 MILLION DOL LOAN TO HELP KNR FINANCE
292 MILLION DOL PROJECT INCREASE PASSENGER, FREIGHT,
CAPACITY (JOC-WASHINGTON).

6. CHINA

JAPANESE NEWS FILM SHOWS KIM IL-SUNG MEETING "SOMEWHAT
FRAIL BUT HEALTHY AND SMILING" MAO LAST WEEK (NYT).

NCAA WEDNESDAY APPROVED COLLEGE ATHLETES JOINING AAU
TRACK TEAM PRC TOUR MAY 11-30. LSU SPOKESMAN SAYS TWO
STAR HURDLERS EXPECTED COMPETE IN SE CONFERENCE MEET
MAY 16-17; WOULD JEOPARDIZE SCHOLARSHIPS IF GO TO
CHINA (WP, NYDN).

EXXON WEDNESDAY SAID CONTRACT SIGNED SUPPLY FUEL OIL
FOR PRC FLAG CARRIERS. EXXON CHAIRMAN JAMIESONIN
TOKYO TELLS ASAHI FIRM'S BUSINESS RELATIONS WITH PRC
"PROGRESSING" (NYT).

MIKE CAUSEY IN WP FEDERAL DIARY EXPLAINS CHINESE NOT
GETTING SIX COPIES WPOST DAILY AND SUNDAY THEY PAID
FOR BECAUSE "OVERZEALOUS POSTAL EMPLOYEE" IN OAKLAND
REFUSES ACCEPT ABBREVIATION "REP" IN MAILING LABEL.
SAYS RULES FROWN ON ABBREVIATION COUNTRY NAMES; BUT
ADDS USPS OFFICIALS WASHINGTON SAY INDIVIDUAL "GIVING
REGULATIONS PRECEDENCE OVER COMMON SENSE."

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7. PHILIPPINES

WM. SIMON, IN MANILA, FOR ADB ANNUAL MEETING, TOLD US
BUSINESSMEN WEDNESDAY US WILL CONTINUE SUPPORT ASIA
ECON DEVELOPMENT AND HONOR COMMITMENTS TOWARD THIS GOAL.
QUOTED SAYING WE "DON'T INTEND TO LET" LONGSTANDING

FRIENDSHIPS, MANY COMMITMENTS, "FALL BY THE WAYSIDE"
(NYT - MANILA).

AFP (HK) REPORTS MARCOS EXPECTED VISIT PEKING THIS
SUMMER TO DISCUSS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (WP).

WB APPROVES 25-MILLION-DOL LOAN TO HELP FINANCE GOP
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON MINDORO (JOC).

8. MALAYSIA

RAZAK ARRIVED PARIS WEDNESDAY, ON OFFICIAL VISIT; MET
BY PM CHIRAC (AFP, WP).

9. SINGAPORE

LEE SAYS DETERIORATING INDOCHINA SITUATION REQUIRES
ASEAN MEMBERS ESTABLISH STABLE RELATIONS AMONG SELVES,
AND WITH INDOCHINA NATIONS, DESPITE IDEOLOGICAL
DIFFERENCES (WP).

10. INDONESIA

INDONESIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS REPORTED WEDNESDAY ABOUT
HALF NATION'S 69 MILLION WOMEN ILLITERATE, ONLY .7
PERCENT OF COLLEGE STUDENTS WOMEN (REUTER, WP).

11. AUSTRALIA

WHITLAM'S WELCOME PRINCESS ANNE, CAPT. PHILLIPS ON START
TWO-WEEK VISIT TUESDAY (AP, CHITRIB).

JOC'S STOWE IN SYDNEY NOTES ECONOMIST PROF WHEELWRIGHT
TO SET UP RESEARCH CENTER AT SYDNEY U TO STUDY
MULTINATIONAL CORPS' OPERATIONS IN AUSTRALIA.
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12. ANZUS

TWENTY-FOURTH ANZUS COUNCIL OPENS WASHINGTON THURSDAY.
SECSTATE SCHEDULED SIT IN AT LEAST HALF MORNING
SESSION - CANCELLED LATIN AMERICAN TRIP TO DEAL WITH
INDOCHINA, ATTEND ANZUS COUNCIL. DEPSEC INGERSOLL HEADS
US DELEGATION, FM WILLESSEE AUSTRALIA'S, AND LAB MIN
FAULKNER NZ'S(REUTER).

13. PACIFIC ISLANDS

WP'S WILSON NOTES ENIWETOK CHIEF JOHANNES PETER IN
WASHINGTON AS HEAD DELEGATION PRESSING ADMIN, CONGRESS,
FINANCE RETURN OF NATIVES TO HOME ISLAND NOW THAT
SOUTHERN PART OF ATOLL CONSIDERED SAFE AND USG COMMITTED

TO CLEANING UP RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS FROM H-BOMB TESTS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. INDOCHINA

GLOBE'S NOLAN CONTENDS VELOCITY OF VN EVENTS HAS LEFT CONGRESS IN STATE OF PANIC AND CONFUSION ABOUT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND C-F NEGOTIATIONS; NOR DOES ADMIN APPEAR HAVE ANY UNDERSTANDABLE, SPELLED-OUT

PLAN FOR VN EVACUATION.

EVANS/NOVAK SEE PRES' INSISTENCE ON SVN MIL AID AND RELUCTANCE TO INDICT SOVIET/PRC FOR AID TO NVN SUGGESTING DISORGANIZATION IN FOREIGN POLICY MAKING AND FURTHER UNDERMINING FORD'S SHAKY PRESIDENCY (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

LAT (APR 23) WELCOMES TO US INDOCHINA REFUGEES, REGARDLESS OF NUMBER; MOVE MORALLY RIGHT, ONE US CAN AFFORD BETTER THAN ANY OTHER NATION, AND WILL MEAN CULTURAL, SOCIAL ENRICHMENT FOR NATION (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

ACCORDING LAT'S JOHNSTON (APR 23), ADMIN PLAN TO EVACUATE 50,000 "HIGH RISK" VIETS--IN CONTRAST TO UNCLASSIFIED

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CAREFULLY CONCEIVED, DELIBERATELY EXECUTED DOD CONTINGENCY PLAN--WAS DRAWN UP IN RUSH BORDERING ON PANIC DURING LAST FEW DAYS, AND MAY BE DOOMED TO FAILURE. REPORTS DOS PLANNING HAS LAGGED BEHIND EVENTS, MAY STILL BE. CONTENDS EVACUATION OPERATION BEING RUN FROM WASHINGTON, NOT BY SAIGON AND "SIGNIFICANTLY," THERE IS HEAVY CIA INFLUENCE NOW ON PLANNING, WITH CLAYTON MCMANAWAY DEAN BROWN'S DEPUTY.

NYT'S LEWIS TRACES "LONG PHASE OF DECEIT" IN US "DISASTROUS" INDOCHINA INVOLVEMENT: FROM "CHARADE" OF NIXON/HAK BLAMING HANOI IN LATE '72 FOR BLOCKING PEACE, WHEN SAIGON WAS REAL OBSTACLE, TO "DECEIT AND BRUTALITY" OF C-F AGREEMENT (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

HEARST'S KINGSBURY SMITH ASSERTS ONE OF MOST SHOCKING ASPECTS OF VN TRAGEDY IS UN'S FAILURE OPPOSE NVN'S EXTENSIVE INVASION AND CONQUEST OF SVN (BALT NA APR 23). ROCHE (BALT NA APR 23) SUGGESTS MOST IRONIC COINCIDENCE OF VN WAR IS THAT AMB MARTIN, WITNESSING DISASTER AT FIRST HAND, WAS MOST VEHEMENT AND PERSUASIVE OPPONENT OF WAR'S "AMERICANIZATION"--REAL SOURCE OF OUR TROUBLE. INDOCHINA'S FATE SEALED BY DETENTE--IF PRC, SOVIET, LEGITIMACY ACCEPTED, WHY SHOOT UP THEIR SMALL COUSIN, NVN? SEA EVENTS HAVE DEFINITELY WEAKENED US CREDIBILITY

WITH ALLIES.

GLOBE'S STORIN, IN SAIGON, HEARS MUCH TALK AMONG VIETS OF SUICIDE RATHER THAN FACING COMMUNISTS; IF THERE IS ATTACK ON CITY AND RESULTING TOTAL EVACUATION AMERICANS, SAIGON ALMOST CERTAIN TO BECOME HYSTERICAL.

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NEW 'FACTS' AND ACCOMPANYING SELF-FULFILLED PROPHECIES ARE BEING TROTTED THROUGH THE NEWS MEDIA TO MAKE DOOM

SEEM EVEN MORE INEVITABLE, AND AMERICAN PAST ACTIONS EVEN MORE MISDIRECTED, FUTILE AND COSTLY" IN INDOCHINA. TO CHITRIB, ONE OF FEW CAUSES FOR SATISFACTION IN INDOCHINA RECENTLY HAS BEEN QUALITY OF WORK BY MANY CORRESPONDENTS -- PARTICULARLY ITS OWN YATES.

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LAT'S MACARTHUR SAYS "UNIMPRESSIVE" CAST OF MEN THROWN ONTO CENTER STAGE BY THIEU'S RESIGNATION -- HUONG, CAO VAN VIEN, NGUYEN KHAC BINH, TRAN VAN LAM -- HARDLY GIVES INDICATION SVN HAS CHANGED POLITICAL WAYS (APR 23).

CSM FEELS US SHOULD BE ABLE ADJUST IMMIGRATION MECHANISMS FOR EXPECTED SVN REFUGEES, SINCE WE ALREADY ACCEPT SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND IMMIGRANTS YEARLY. COMPANION EDIT WELCOMES AS PROMISING INITIAL KHIEU SAMPHAN BROADCAST PLEDGING NEW CAMBODIA GOVT WILL FOLLOW COURSE OF NEUTRALITY, NONALIGNMENT. CSM'S YOST ENDORSES US DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM "UNTENABLE POSITION WHICH IT HAD UNWISELY ASSUMED IN INDO-CHINA" (ALL THREE IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT SAYS PROBLEM OF LARGE-SCALE SVN EVACUATION NOT EASY, BUT NOT HOPELESS UNDERTAKING, DESPITE CONFUSION GRIPPING ADMIN AND CONGRESS. NYT'S SAFIRE RECORDS AMONG "THINGS THAT WENT WRONG" IN VN: FAILURE TO FOLLOW 1964 GOLDWATER STRATEGY, NIXON ADMIN BELIEF NVN WOULD SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN TOTAL VICTORY, AND 1973 TIDE OF US ISOLATIONISM. DANIEL DAVIDSON (IN NYT) PROPOSES US NEGOTIATIONS WITH NVN, OFFERING GENEROUS LONG-TERM HUMANITARIAN AID IN RETURN FOR HUMANITARIAN CONDUCT TOWARDS SOUTH VIETNAMESE, COULD SERVE MINIMIZE CARNAGE (ALL THREE IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

BUCKLEY (WSTAR APR 23) FINDS GEORGE BALL'S HINDSIGHT ABOUT VN BETTER THAN HIS FORESIGHT (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

STLP-DISPATCH'S DUDMAN (IN WP) RECALLS HE WITNESSED, AS GUERRILLA CAPTIVE, BEGINNING OF CAMBODIAN INSURGENCY THAT GRADUALLY TOOK OVER COUNTRYSIDE, PP AND ENTIRE COUNTRY (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

15. KOREA

SUN STATES KIM IL -SUNG PEKING VISIT ALMOST OVERWHELMED BY INDOCHINA NEWS AVALANCHE, BUT SOME JOURNALISTS SPECULATE PURPOSE MAY BE SIMILAR KIM SOVIET VISIT BEFORE INVADING SK (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

16. INDONESIA
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CSM REVIEWS INDONESIAN CONCERNS THAT RADICAL TRENDS IN

PORTUGAL COULD BRING DISRUPTION TO OWN SHORES VIA TIMOR. NOTES SUHARTO GREETED BY DEMONSTRATORS SHOUTING "HANDS OFF TIMOR" DURING VISIT AUSTRALIA EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR INFORMAL TALKS WITH WHITLAM.

17. JAPAN

CDN'S GIVEN FINDS EVERYTHING COSTLY IN JAPAN EXCEPT NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM, THAT HAS COVERED MOST FOREIGNERS SINCE 1973 -- WHEN ANKLE BROKEN SKIING TREATED FOR "ASTOUNDING 5 DOL 64 CENT" (LAT APR 23).

18. THAILAND

WP'S SIMONS IN BANGKOK STATES THAIS STUNNED BY INDOCHINA EVENTS, READY SLIP INTO "SOCIALIST COSTUME" AND OFFER HANOI OLIVE BRANCH; NOTES LEADERS BELIEVE US UNRELIABLE ALLY, AND NATION MUST QUICKLY MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT APPEASE REGIONAL, WORLD, COMMUNIST POWERS (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

WSTAR'S BRADSHER NOTES RISING RTG DISPLEASURE AT INABILITY JOINTLY WORK OUT TIMETABLE FOR US BASES CLOSURE; CITES BANGKOK PRESS REPORT TUESDAY QUOTING OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN THAT AMEMBASSY IGNORES THREE-WEEK OLD REQUEST TO DISCUSS. SAYSDOS OFFICIALS SEE NO PROBLEM CLOSING BASES "EVENTUALLY" -- QUESTION IS "WHEN." COMMENTS SEEMS DEPEND ON HOW SOON SAIGON FALLS, AND WHOLE US INVOLVEMENT IN SVN ENDS.

19. GENERAL

NYT STATES INDOCHINA UPHEAVALS STIR THREE ASIAN CAPITALS. WEINRAUB IN NEW DELHI NOTES INDIA'S FM CHAVAN APPLAUDS -DRAMATIC CHANGES" TAKING PLACE AS CULMINATION OF "HEROIC STRUGGLE" BY PEOPLE TO ASSERT INDEPENDENCE; FINDS GROWING SIGNS OF ANTI-AMERICAN MOOD. SPECIAL (BANGKOK) QUOTES PM LEE SAYING, AFTER TWO-DAY VISIT WITH RTG OFFICIALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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"NOW WE SHALL ALL HAVE TO ESTABLISH CORRECT AND IF POSSIBLE
CORDIAL RELATIONS" WITH INDOCHINA GOVTS, WHETHER COMMUNIST,
OR COALITION LIKE LAOS. SPECIAL (SEOUL) FINDS KOREANS
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF NK
AGGRESSION (USIA WIRELESS FILE). KISSINGER

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